

Confusion Still Reigns In Stores, Transport Depts.

The Government Stores Department and the Land Transport Department have not yet entirely extricated themselves from the chaos and confusion which arose during the Military Administration period.

In this connection, said the Director of Audit in his 1946-47 Report, no lists have been seen of the stores purchased through the Hong Kong, London Office during 13 months ended April 30, 1946.

The Director said that the stores accounting in the Colony for the 1946-47 period has not been satisfactory. This applies particularly to the two Departments mentioned above.

It was found necessary, added the Director, to call the attention of the Government to the very serious situation that had arisen in connection with the main Unallocated Stores of the Colony.

The reasons leading up to this state of affairs, he said, have been reported to the Director-General of Colonial Audit.

A special Board of Survey, he added, was appointed in July 1947 to ascertain the quantity and value of stores on hand on April 1, 1947.

Approval Given

Approval has been given by the Financial Secretary for the Board's figures to be taken on charge as the opening Store Ledger Balances at April 1, 1947.

Wedding At Rosary Church

Miss Patricia Theresa Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wilkinson, was married to Mr. George White at Rosary Church yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. Father de Angelis officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore a long white gown of heavy slipper satin with a long train. Her tulle veil was held in place by a silver coronet. She carried a bouquet of gladioli.

Attending the bride were her two sisters, Esther and Hazel, who wore long dresses of white with pink and blue flowers. They carried red roses and wore head-dresses to match.

The bridesmaids were discharged by Mr. Duncan B. Izait.

The couple will spend their honeymoon at Cheung Chau Island.

DARING ROBBERY ON HIKING TRIP

A Chinese couple who were hiking on the hillside near Ming Yuen, North Point, at about 4.30 p.m. yesterday were held up by two men, one of whom was armed with a knife, and robbed of jewellery and cash to the value of \$200.

The couple offered resistance to the robbers and were injured as a result of the ensuing struggle. They were admitted to hospital for treatment.

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Pictured above is part of the ceremony during the consecration of the Most Reverend John B. Diaz Velasco, O.P., as Bishop of Amoy, at the Catholic Cathedral yesterday. The consecration was performed by the Most Reverend Mons. Antonio Riberi, Apostolic Internuncio to China. ("China Mail" Photo).

Consecration Of Bishop Of Amoy

Amid traditional ceremony that befits such occasions in the Roman Catholic Church, the Most Reverend John B. Diaz Velasco, O.P., was consecrated Bishop of Amoy yesterday at the Catholic Cathedral.

Catholics throughout the Colony as well as delegations from other parts of China thronged the church to attend the three-hour ceremony.

The Most Reverend Mons. Antonio Riberi, D.D., Archbishop of Davao and Apostolic Internuncio in China, performed the consecration assisted by Mons. Theodor Labrador, O.P., D.D., Archbishop of Fochow, and Mons. Henry Vallarta, D.D., Bishop of Hong Kong.

Twelve other bishops from various dioceses in the Far East were also present at the altar. The sponsors of the consecration were Dr. Peter J. Lobo, Director of Economics in Mexico; the Hon. Don Vicente Madrigal, Senator of the Philippine Republic; Don Paulino Miranda Sampedro, Pedro Perez de Cusale, Esq., Dona Camilla Vazquez de Casala, Dona Paula Madrigal de Warren, and Miss Teresa Quason.

Officials Present

Those present included General Francisco Aguilar, Mexican Ambassador to Nanking; Mons. R. E. Jobez, French Consul, and

Madame Jobez; Mr. Bautista of the Philippine Consulate, and Mrs. Bautista; Mr. E. Branzo, Portuguese Consul, and Mrs. Branzo; the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Kelly; the Hon. Luu d'Almeida, K.C., and Mrs. d'Almeida; Major V. J. Keating, the Aide-de-Camp to the Governor, Captain A. F. Wilson, and many others.

The service commenced at 8 a.m. and ended at 11 o'clock. After the service was over, a reception was held at the Parochial Hall of the Cathedral.

The Most Reverend John B. Diaz Velasco, O.P., was born in Parana (Asturia), Spain, on June 17, 1911.

He entered the Dominican Order on September 9, 1936, and pronounced his simple vows on September 10, 1937, and his solemn vows on June 10, 1932.

He graduated as Lector of Sacred Theology in the University of Santo Tomas (Manila) in February 1938, and arrived in the Philippines in March 1939. He was named Master of Students on July 18, 1946, and Director of the Missionary College in Rosary Hill, Hong Kong, on August 25, 1947.

Mons. Velasco was proclaimed Bishop of Amoy by His Holiness Pope Pius XII on June 10, 1948. The Diocese of Amoy is located on the coast of South East China. 17,000 of the 6,000,000 inhabitants are Christians and are entrusted to the pastoral care of the new Bishop.

Reminders

Today

Referees' Meeting, at Football Association Offices, Princes Bldg., 8.30 p.m.

Crown Land Sales, PWD Office, 3 p.m.

Society of St. George Extraordinary General meeting & annual general meeting, Jockey Club Board room, 5.30 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

H.K. Light Orchestra Rehearsal, 27B, Robinson Rd., 8 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Mr. Douglas Bland, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bridge Group, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Literary Group of Sino-British Club meeting, at 298, The Peak, 6.30 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Breath of Promise and Public Policy" by Sir M. K. Le, Rook Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Mr. Douglas Bland, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Discussion on "Matters in Hong Kong" by Dr. Bard, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

Tue H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

H.K. Singers practice, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Mr. Douglas Bland, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Club of Hong Kong, Luncheon at Rook Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Sino-British Club Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7.30 p.m.

"Operation Red Tape" In China Chief Efficiency Barrier

Nanking, October 24.

When a Chinese walks into a government office to ask for something, what he fears most is being told:

"Well, put it in writing, and submit it through the proper channels, and we'll see what we can do about it."

His worried mind immediately catches the spectre of what may be called "Operation Red Tape." In Chinese he'd express it this way: "Kung wen lu' hien"—literally, "official documents go a-traveling."

Red tape is not confined to China alone but the Chinese variety will stand up as a champion in any competition. It is the chief bottle-neck retarding administrative efficiency.

If you see a Chinese soldier wearing a winter uniform in summer, or a summer uniform in winter—which is a common sight—don't think that the soldier is too lazy to keep abreast of the weather. He's the victim of red tape.

How It Functions

One incident which gives a clear picture, involved a diplomat, Dr. Ho Feng-shan. He resigned the directorship of the Foreign Ministry's information department on July, 1947, and was appointed Ambassador to Turkey. It required more than six months for his resignation to clear the "approved" channels so that his appointment to Ankara could be announced.

By the time the official announcement was made, the directorship of the information department had changed hands twice more.

Here's how "Operation Red Tape" functions. For instance, say the National Defence Ministry wants a railway section repaired.

First goes a letter to the Ministry of Communications asking for the repairs. The letter is first delivered to the Communications Ministry's letter room which sends it to the secretary, whose duty is to sort official correspondence and see that the letters reach the proper departments. In this case, the secretary would send the letter to the Railway Administration.

End Of Saga

It finally gets to the Administration director, who gives it to one of his section chiefs who in turn, passes it on to one of his men to draft an immediate reply. The answer is then handed to the section chief who then puts it once more in the hands of the director.

Provided he gives it his immediate approval, the request then goes back to the secretary, which delivers it to a vice-minister, who then hands it over to the Minister of Communications.

After he gets around to giving it his approval, it is returned to the secretary. This time it is routed to the General Affairs Department. There the reply is lettered by hand in block letters and is then sent to the Ministry of National Defence.

That ends the saga of the request as far as the Ministry of Communications is concerned. The National Defence Ministry then begins the process of having the Ministry of Communications decision filter down to where it finally reaches the area commander's headquarters who in turn goes through the business of seeing that men actually get to work on the railroad.—United Press.

Congratulations From Bao Dai

Paris, October 23.

Emperor Bao Dai of Annam today addressed a letter of congratulation to the newly appointed French High Commissioner for Indo-China, M. Leon Pignon, who has replaced M. Emile Bollaert.

Expressing his satisfaction with the "judicious choice of the French Government," the ex-Emperor went on to say: "The competence and profound knowledge of the people and affairs of the Far East of the new High Commissioner will facilitate establishing a policy of peace and harmony in Viet Nam."—Reuter.

US WARSHIPS IN GREECE

London, October 23.

Sixteen ships of the United States Task Fleet arrived in Phaleron Bay, Athens, today after intensive tactical exercises in the Aegean Sea, United States Naval Forces Headquarters in London reported.

After a week-end of rest and recreation for the ships' companies, the vessels will proceed to sea for further exercises.—Reuter.

Centralisation Plan Advocated

Ottawa, October 24.

A plan by which Commonwealth nations would have a chance to express their views before any member of the British Empire took an important international step was advocated today by Gordon Menzies, former Premier and now Opposition leader in Australia.

Mr. Menzies told the United Press that he favours an Empire secretariat in London which was turned down at a meeting of the Prime Ministers in London in 1943.

Mr. Menzies said, "If we can't agree on centralisation, then let's agree on decentralisation. Let us have an Empire secretariat in each capital, one in Ottawa, one in Canberra, one in Pretoria and so on."

He added that each secretariat could include representatives of each other British country with a view to communications between them.

"This idea is that consultation to produce a common policy is not effective 'unless it takes place before minds are made up on other words, before the idea has crystallised'."

"Under this plan, if Britain, for example, contemplated some specific arrangement with West-ern European countries, the resultant problems could be discussed by the secretariat. In that way the total Commonwealth view will be known to the Government of Britain before it reaches the actual point of negotiation and decision."—United Press.

WIDENING OF COMMONWEALTH

Ottawa, October 23.—Canadian official circles here tonight expressed the belief that the Commonwealth's Premier Conference in London was the first step in a widening of the Commonwealth to include the Benelux countries, France and the United States.

The Canadian theory is not to reconcile British membership in both the Commonwealth and the Western Union but to marry the two organisations into one organisation.—Reuter.

Tin Group To Meet

London, October 24.

The third meeting of the International Tin Study Group will be held in the Hague from October 25 to October 29, the Ministry of Supply announced tonight.

In addition to a delegation from the United Kingdom, a separate British Colonial delegation representing the interests of tin producers and smelters will attend.

The Colonial delegation will consist of Sir Gerard Clausen (Leader of the delegation) and Mr. R. H. Burt (Secretary of the delegation), both of the Colonial Office. Mr. C. J. Pyke, Economic Adviser to the Federation of Malaya and Dr. F. C. Benham, Economic Adviser to the Commissioner-General, South-East Asia. They will have as advisers Mr. J. M. Warren (Federated Malayan States Chamber of Mines), Colonel H. S. Lee, (Malayan Chinese Mining Association), Mr. A. G. Glenister (Malayan Chamber of Mines), Mr. A. I. Bexter, (Malayan Smelters).—Reuter.

BLACK MARKET DEATH THREAT

Peking, October 24.

General Fu Tso-yi's headquarters has decided to threaten black marketers with death in a move to check illegal dealings in goods and foreign currency.

Fu was particularly irked by black market operations in Tientsin. Illicit rates there for foreign currency, gold and silver bullion were described as the highest in China.—Associated Press.



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2. All vessels in excess of 200 tons nett may only load cargoes for China within the limits of Victoria Harbour.

3. Authority is hereby given for vessels to load dangerous goods only in the Dangerous Goods Anchorage.

4. Owners and masters of all vessels under 200 tons nett are warned that on arrival at the Chinese port to which they have cleared, they must have their books "stamped" by the Chinese Maritime Customs as evidence that they have in fact proceeded to the port for which clearance had been obtained in Hong Kong.

5. Chinese Custom Duties, may, at the option of the shipper be paid or assessed in advance of loading at points adjacent to the loading areas in Victoria Harbour as specified above. Such cargo for which duty has been assessed or paid will be tallied into the vessel by the Chinese Maritime Customs.

J. JOLLY,

Director of Marine

Marine Department, Hong Kong, October 23, 1948.

POLICE NOTICE

On Thursday the 19.10.48 at 1.30 p.m. approx at Thompson Road, Wanchai outside house No. 100, a Chinese boy age 3 years was knocked down by a saloon type motor car, and sustained serious internal injuries.

The vehicle was travelling along Thompson Road in a westerly direction and failed to stop.

Will the driver of the vehicle, or any person who witnessed the accident, please communicate with the nearest Police Station.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE Hong Kong, October 20, 1948.

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For further particulars apply to the Secretary, Urban Council, to whom all applications giving full particulars of age and experience should be forwarded before 31st October, 1948.

Ex-R.N.V.R. OFFICERS.

It is proposed to investigate the possibility of forming an R.N.V.R. Club in Hong Kong.

In order to ascertain the degree of support such a Club may have, will those interested please forward their names and addresses to Room 122, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building.

Should sufficient interest be shown it is intended to call a meeting early in November.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Ninth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, November 6, 1948, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, October 28, 1948.

By Order, S. A. Sleep, Actg. Secretary.

ART EXHIBITION

Paintings in Water Colour by Mr. D. R. Bland to be held in St. John's Hall, Monday 25th Oct. from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday 26th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday 27th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission Free.

KCC Lose To Defence Corps At Lawn Bowls

In a return game at Cox's Road yesterday, the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps beat the Kowloon Cricket Club by 25 shots, and so avenged their 15-shot defeat on June 13.

The best match was that between A. E. P. Guest and A. L. G. Eastman on the sixth line. So evenly were the two rinks matched that the result was undecided until the last head, when a two gave the KCC skip the narrow victory of 16 to 15 shots. Jock McKelvie of the Volunteers proved much too good for Chas. S. Rosset, while E. C. Fincher confined R. Morrison to scoring on only six heads on the last line.

Frankie Goodwin, who went down to W. C. Simpson by eight shots to 25, was able to score on only five heads. In the first game, the KCC won on three rinks out of five with an aggregate of 15 shots. The results at that game were F. Goodwin versus J. McKelvie (25-13), C. S. Rosset v. R. Morrison (20-20), E. C. Fincher v. L. Sykes (24-21), T. Lock v. W. C. Simpson (21-10), and T. Madar v. J. C. Remedios (16-21).

Yesterday's results were: K.C.C. H.K.V.D.C. W. Baker F. E. Lawrence C. J. Merritt K. C. Hamilton T. Baker C. Logan T. Madar W. J. Bebbington (Skip) 11 (Skip) 25 W. J. Keates R. S. Capell R. T. Burch F. C. Jones J. M. Forrest E. A. Atkins J. Orem L. Sykes (Skip) 25 (Skip) 18 H. Gittins E. F. Pope J. Tibble H. B. Dowling

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Open Pairs Semi-Final. A very fine game was seen at Austin Road yesterday when C.

Footballers May Learn 2nd Trade

London, October 24.

The Football Association has plans in hand for a scheme to provide professional footballers with knowledge of a second trade.

It is an official vocational training scheme, designed to enable footballers to study the distributive trades.

The vocational training principle was agreed upon at a recent meeting of the Association and the Football League. Before final plans are arranged, it is expected that the Football Association Council and the League Management Committee will be asked for their approval of the scheme.

Already, however, 80 players from London clubs have enrolled for the course of study, which will cost them only an enrolment fee of five shillings. There is little doubt that the players themselves will welcome such a scheme, which should help to provide in some degree that security for the future which the football game does not always yield.

Some League Clubs may look at the matter in a different light, however. It is reported here that some clubs are likely to oppose the scheme regarding it as being intended to wipe out full time professionalism.

Many clubs have always frowned on their players having a job outside football, holding that a footballer's training should leave him no time for other occupations.

It seems possible, therefore, that the Association's vocational training plans may become another bone of contention between some clubs and their players.

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THE STRONGEST ANSWER WE ALL KNOW that we ought to bid with a hand which is utterly worthless in either high cards or distributional values is responding to an informative or takeout double across the table from us. We also know that if we have a fair amount of strength we should make the response more than a minimum to show that our holding added to that of a doubler should produce a game. Now for the top extreme. What is the way to show at once that we hold an extremely good hand across from him? By bidding the opponent's suit.

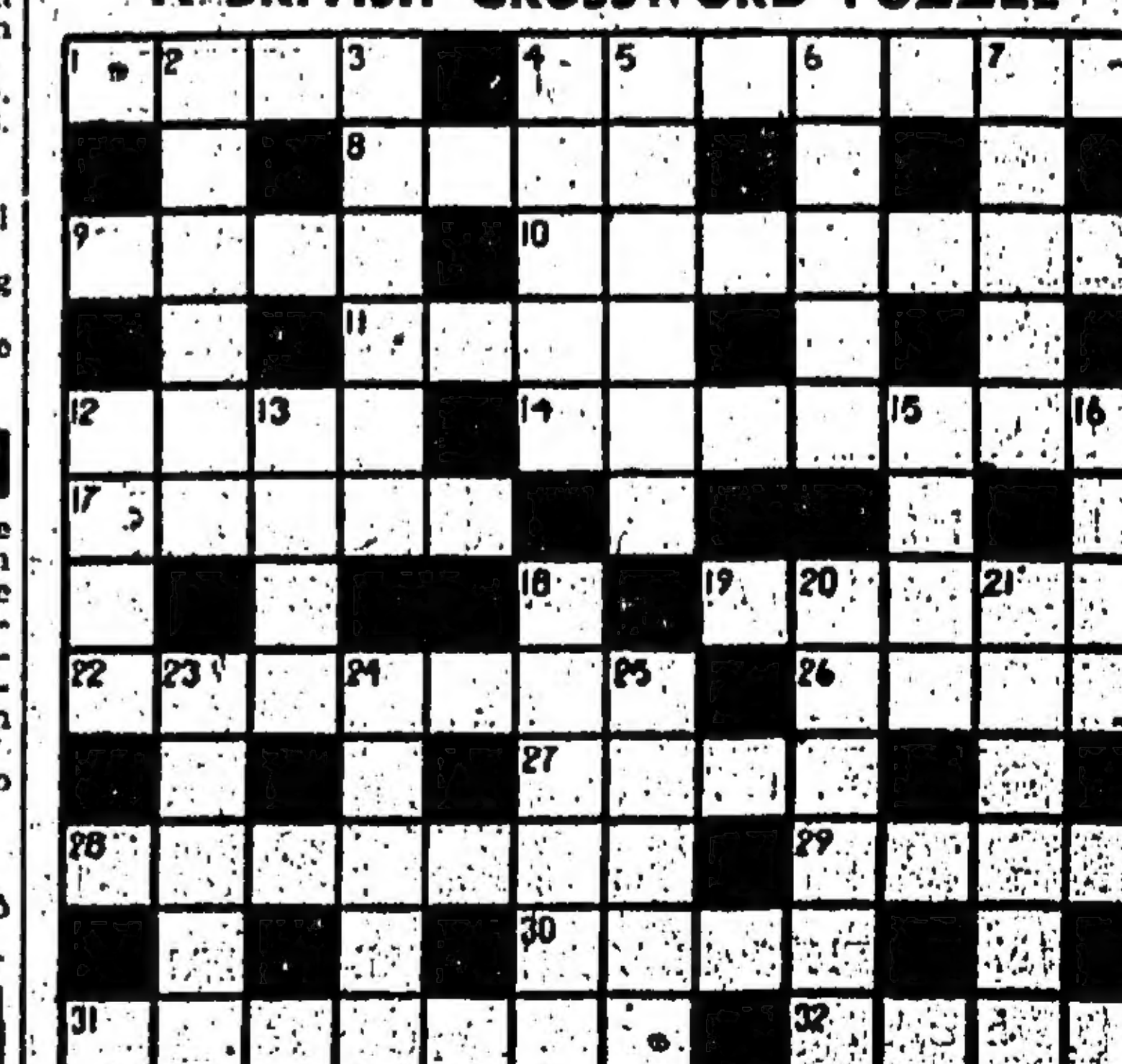
S Q 9 6 3 N H 7 3 D None C A J 10 8 2

SK 74 H A K J 5 4 D A C K Q 7 3 (Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

Yes, North had passed on his first turn, as he should have. But that was far from a sound excuse for South to pass the 4-Hearts bid. North had made on his second turn a call which is so strong that it is very seldom heard at any bridge table when he bid the opponent's suit. It was really a very fine bid. He knew from the double that South should be ready for either major, and he himself had a marvelous fit for either.

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.) What should South do after East opens this deal with 1-Diamond?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across
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Saturday's Crossword
ACROSS: 1. Expletive. 2. Ascot. 3. Bludge. 4. Duenna. 5. Irony. 6. Scope. 7. 12. 13. Onset. 14. Lesser. 15. Chance. 16. Glamour. 17. Ape. 18. Refer. 19. Human. 20. Magnet. 21. Stead. 22. Cheat. 23. Squash.
DOWN: 1. Enduring. 2. Precedence. 3. Lure. 4. Blackout. 5. Adipose. 6. Surge. 7. Quince. 8. Serpentine. 9. 15. 16. Thrift. 17. Lament. 18. Bedouin. 19. Harass. 20. Laugh. 21. Rare.

CHENNAULT SAYS:—

Red Moves In Europe Depend On China War

United Nations No Failure

Paris, October 23.—The best answer to pessimists and critics of the United Nations was the practical work of the organization during the past three years—an "impressive record".

Dr. Herbert E. Kutt, Chairman of the United Nations General Assembly, said this today.

He was speaking at a ceremony to commemorate the third anniversary of the United Nations Charter, tomorrow.

Disputes had arisen in many parts of the world and actual fighting had broken out in areas such as Palestine and Indonesia. The U.N. had been able to intervene and point the way to solutions, or at least ease the tension and bring the parties together.

"The spirit of the Assembly, the spirit of the United Nations, the spirit of San Francisco is gradually making itself more evident."

U.N.O. can only fail as far as the Governments of the world fail to support U.N.O., declared Dr. Kutt.—Reuter.

REUTER MAN RELEASED

Buenos Aires, October 23.—Jose Amelio, a member of Reuters news staff in Buenos Aires, was today released unconditionally after 23 hours detention at the political section of the Federal Police headquarters here.

Amelio said that the questioning to which he was submitted did not reflect in any way on Reuters or his work as a newspaperman.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.30 p.m.—The Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—London Radio Orchestra conducted by Denis Wilton (BBC).

1.00 p.m.—Radio and Landmark on Two Piano—Cherry Dingley.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"The Richard Tauber Programme" Richard Tauber with the Melochina Orchestra and Guest, Mimi Bechele (BBC).

2.00 p.m.—Classical Music.

2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.

2.10 p.m.—"Jam Session".

2.15 p.m.—Hospital Relief Half Hour presented by Linda Carter (Radio).

2.30 p.m.—"Music Time" (Gillies Vocal and Orchestra).

2.45 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour.

3.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

3.15 p.m.—A Short Video Relief, presented by "I Like What I Like" (Radio).

3.30 p.m.—New Concert Novelty (Radio).

3.45 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital by Leah Garavito (Radio).

3.55 p.m.—"The London Playhouse" presents "The Silver Piece" (Radio).

4.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

4.15 p.m.—Chamber Music Recital—Musart Quintet in a Major, K. 601 (Radio).

4.30 p.m.—Joy Hall (Radio)—Allie Blair-Kerr (at Violin) George White (2nd Violin) C. C. 14 (Violin) and Harold Woods (Clarinet) (Radio).

4.45 p.m.—Morton Gould and His Orchestra.

5.15 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

5.30 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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Shanghai, October 24.—Major-General Claire Chennault declared today that Russia would not start a "shooting war" in Europe unless "Chinese Communists succeed in drawing the iron curtain as far south as the Yangtze River."

General Chennault, famed wartime leader of the "Flying Tigers" Air Force, based in South West China, is now head of the Civil Air Transport.

He told Reuters in an exclusive interview that Soviet Russia "does not want to fight a war on two fronts and if China remains non-Communist as far as the Great Wall, the Russians will not go to war."

He said: "American military experts agree that if Russia is able to use her full offensive power against the West, Europe could not hold out for three months."

General Chennault emphatically declared: "The only chance to avoid a third world war is to hold North China in order to retain non-Communist bases."

Realistic People
He did not believe that the Russians, in the event of war,

"would ever use Russian troops to invade China, but undoubtedly would increase aid in the Chinese Communists and encourage them. It is even possible that the Communists may get Russian air support if sufficient units were available in Europe."

Explaining why he thought the Russians would not use their own troops in operations against China, General Chennault stated: "The Russians are a realistic people. They saw the Japanese fail in their attempts to conquer China, in spite of the use of their navy, army and air force power."

On the civil war in China, General Chennault said that it was important for the Nationalists to hold their islands of resistance in Manchuria and North China—such as Mukden, Chinchew, Tientsin and Tientsin—in order to give them time to bring in supplies and train troops.

Still Time
Unless these pockets are held, the Communists would over-run North China.

"There is still time to save China if the Communists below the Great Wall could be eliminated and a huge force built up to retake Manchuria."

He added: "China has neither the troops nor equipment to do so now. Most of the equipment—artillery, machine-guns, motor transport and aircraft replacements—would have to come from the United States."

"Motor and air transport is needed for field use to supply food, clothing and other supplies to troops."—Reuter.

Diplomatic quarters here believe that the British Embassy in Bangkok has urged Britain to furnish immediately a considerable quantity of arms and equipment to the Siamese Government to consolidate the position of anti-Communist forces.

The British Government itself recently despatched two Guards battalions to Malaya to meet the growing threat of rebel activity and it is understood to be supplying arms to Burma as laid down in the Anglo-Burmese treaty of 1947.—Reuter.

SPECIAL CHINA RELIEF TAX

Nanking, October 24.—The Executive Yuan soon will announce a programme for enforcement of collections of a special relief tax to be used for the winter programme.

Under the general plans for the programme, 60 per cent of the collections will be allocated to emergency relief, labour welfare, aid to farmers and the repatriation of refugees to their home towns.

Thirty per cent will be used for direct assistance to the aged, the diseased, orphans and pregnant women. The remaining 10 per cent will be used exclusively for child welfare work among those whose fathers have died in the civil war.—United Press.

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She's Having Another Try

London, October 23.—A Puerto Rican woman who thought she was boarding for San Juan at the L. Guardia airport arrived at London Airport last night, rested an hour and hopped the next airliner back to New York to try again.

She said that she followed a line of people entering a Pan American Clipper which she thought was going to San Juan.

She arrived without visa, no baggage and no knowledge of English. An hour later, she was put in a New York-bound plane to complete her 7,000 mile extra journey.—United Press.

Purge Of Atomic Workers

Washington, October 23.—The United States Atomic Energy Commission today issued a virtual ultimatum to the CIO United Electrical Workers' Union to get rid of any Communist officials or lose bargaining rights in the atomic plants operated by the General Electric Company.

The Commission chairman, Mr. David Lilienthal, warned that the Commission intended to act promptly if the Union did not file non-Communist affidavits under the Taft-Hartley Act.

Mr. Lilienthal's position was stated in a letter to Mr. Albert Fitzgerald, Union President, that said that Mr. Lilienthal had received no reply yet to his letter of October 6 to Mr. Fitzgerald which said that the Union leaders must purge themselves of Communist affiliations if the Union is to be permitted to work in the General Electric atomic plants.

Mr. Lilienthal said that if the question of alleged Communist affiliations of Union leaders was not satisfactorily answered, the General Electric will be directed to withdraw recognition of the Union.—United Press.

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VINSON MISSION IDEA WAS "APPROVED BY MAJORITY OF PEOPLE"

Washington, October 23.

The Democratic Party's National Committee today claimed that the majority of the American people approved President Truman's consideration of the recent proposal to send Chief Justice Fred Vinson on a peace mission to Generalissimo Stalin.

In a statement on the proposed and later abandoned mission, the Committee declared that "in view of approval for President Truman's pronouncements for peace and his efforts to clear the fog of suspicion that covers the negotiations with Soviet Russia has now become a major factor" in the Presidential election campaign.

The Committee made a spirited defence of the whole purpose of the Vinson plan, and stated: "The majority of the American people had recognised the President's consideration of Chief Justice Vinson's projected mission to Moscow as a personal emissary to Generalissimo Stalin as an all-out move to ease the present world situation. President Truman had taken the plan under consideration without political motivation."

Not Political
Republicans feared the result of the Vinson plan. They feared that the people, who want above all else to avoid another war, would react to President Truman's plan at the polls. President Truman did not counsel with his political advisers and properly so. He did counsel with the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, and properly so.

When the Secretary of State advised against the Vinson Mission on the ground that it would be misunderstood in Europe as a possible gesture of appeasement, the plan was abandoned.

"Fearing the wave of approval that might result, the Republican-controlled press and radio opened a barrage of criticism. The President's plan was damned as political, despite the fact that he had not counselled with his political advisers."

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MR. CHURCHILL'S WARNING

Mr. Winston Churchill is the leader of Britain's Conservative Party. He is also the statesman who embodied even more than he inspired Britain's resistance to Hitlerite Germany. The determination to resist to the utmost, and to suffer destruction rather than yield, was strong in the people before Mr. Churchill became Prime Minister in May 1940; and it was because the nation knew he shared this determination to the full that all parties supported him. In return, his courageous bearing and his uplifting speeches sustained public faith in the final victory and made him the emblem of unswerving national resolve.

It is not easy to say whether Mr. Churchill's grave speech at the close of the Conservative Party Conference was made primarily in his capacity as a National war leader or, and chiefly, to his party. Since he spoke simultaneously to the United States by radio, he knew that his audience would be far larger than the 40,000 delegates to the Conference. He knew too that the publication of his first volume on the war—with its formidable list of warnings fulfilled—would ensure the respect for it not the agreement with his admonition against the premature destruction of atomic bombs.

This admonition ran: "Of one thing I am quite sure. If the United States were to consent, in reliance upon paper agreement, to destroy the stocks of atomic bombs which they have accumulated, they would be guilty of murdering human freedom and committing suicide themselves. I have not always been wrong. Nothing stands between Europe and the complete subjugation to Communist tyranny but the atomic bomb in American possession."

With "deep sorrow" Mr. Churchill expressed his belief that the only sure foundation of peace, or prevention of actual war, is the strength of organized readiness to resist aggression. Given this strength, the aggressive tactics of Soviet Russia might be kept within bounds, and the danger of war averted. It would be vain to expect any change of heart at Moscow; but the rulers of Russia might be brought to understand, by the mingled strength and firmness in the West, that there are limits beyond which aggressive Communism must not go. Mr. Churchill pledged the support of his party to Britain's Labour Government in any firm stand it might take against "the encroachments and aggressions of Soviet Russia."

There was much also in Mr. Churchill's speech. How ought it to be interpreted? It said aloud what many people in Great Britain and the West at large, were saying to themselves or whispering to each other. Was Mr. Churchill right to say it aloud? Had he been in office, his speech would have amounted almost to what diplomats call *mise en demeure*, an emphatic summons to Soviet Russia to mend her ways or take the consequences. As he is not in office, his warnings are addressed to responsible ministers in years before the war. Why were these warnings not then heeded? His first volume on "The Second World War" proves that they were based on accurate in-

OCTOBER 18—(33rd [Wednesday] Anniversary) Here's a hunch. T.V. 72. Is he the trouble-maker? If Roosevelt had the dope that I am disturbing relations, where did he get it? Ans.—Only from T.V. So T.V. wants me relieved. Why? Because I am working with Madame Chiang and she is for the G-mo and that crabs T.V.'s ambitions. Maybe that's why Ella and May won't tell me; why they warned me about Ch'en Ch'eng, T.V.'s man; and why they want K'ung built up. I'll watch for confirmation of this.

OCTOBER 21—Well, well, it was T.V. He told Somervell in Delhi it was coming off. He had it all set up for the G-mo, when May and Ella heard of it. At once there was a hell of a bunch. Ella told me yesterday that didn't know the half of it but ultimately would. Said she had to choose between "her own flesh and blood" [T.V.] and the good of China. Gave me a lot of slop on their size-up of me. Regrets we did not get together a year ago. Good advice in to Chennault. Pull his teeth and give him no ground for complaint, so he can't cry to the Generalissimo. Says we have stepped Chiang in full career and turned him around 180 degrees. Considers it a big victory. Says my position is greatly improved and that no further attacks will be made—positive about this, so I suppose T.V. got a good sweat. The G-mo is now affable again. Impressed by my presentation [at Mountbatten-Somervell conference] of Chinese participation in the projected Burma attack. Ordered Ho to be cordial to me, Ho and Liu Fei at the [Mountbatten-Somervell] conference but Chiang had me present the facts on Chinese participation in Cham-pain. What a gag. Neither Ho nor Liu could tell you what troops are in Yunnan—Minister and Vice-Minister of War.

OCTOBER 18-20—The conference at Huang Shan. Happy family stuff. Dicky [Mountbatten] was superenthusiastic about mixing us all up. The Chinese politeness has fooled Dicky. He thinks they will do everything. The one big thing accomplished was that Chiang agreed to unified command. A formula was reached on boundaries. Neither Chinese nor South-East Asia Command could invade Siam and/or French Indochina without previous consultation. Next step is to make a plan. I go to India [Delhi] and bring back proposals.

T.V. showed up at ferry and went to Huang Shan [for the Mountbatten conference]. There was a fight there and he was told [by Chiang Kai-shek] to be sick and go home. OCTOBER 21—LETTER TO MRS. STILWELL I'm off for the other end of the line after a big wall-to-wall. An attempt has been made by certain elements here to graze the skirts and gently put me on them. It was all set but the side railings went after them, and we won the game in the last minute of play. It has been a nasty/damn experience and I was on the point of telling them to go to hell, but now it's all smoothed over and I am assured that not only will they not be repeated but that my position is stronger than it was. If you all weren't playing the game as you are, Ole Pappy would just have to step outside and shoot himself. As it is all I have to do is remember what I'm coming home to.

OCTOBER 24—LETTER TO MRS. STILWELL I couldn't resist writing you from my office in the South East Asia Command Headquarters. How do you like our stationery? It's about all we've formation, carefully sifted and weighed. He is not in the habit of making sensational statements at random. He is however in the habit of presenting his conclusions in a highly dramatic form, so dramatic indeed as to arouse the uneasy feeling that they may be exaggerated or oversimplified. Britain's public is apt to discount real or apparent exaggerations. It prefers the emphasis of an understatement.

Yet in this instance Mr. Churchill's historic achievements as a National War Leader, and his record as a Political seer, lend special weight to his words, a weight enhanced by the persistent mischief-making of Soviet Russia and of Communist parties throughout the world. He is entirely sincere both in his warnings and in his promise of full support to the Labour Government if the aim of its policy be the preservation of peace in the only practical way. That way is steadily to withstand any Russian attempts to impose Communism on Western Europe and presently on the world. Britain's people may not approve fully of the precise form which Mr. Churchill suggests, this policy should take. But rulers of Soviet Russia would be seriously mistaken were they to imagine that Britain's people do not think the policy itself necessary and sound.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH INSTALMENT

The Stilwell Papers



got so far. Everyone is "conferencing" looking serious and important, and "thinking in big numbers." Being as I'm just a deck-hand, I don't get it but am trying to be inconspicuous, which I find very simple, and I am waiting till I'm spoken to. Louis [Mountbatten] is a good egg. What sets me is the enormous setup considered necessary to launch a relatively small operation and the tremendous fuss and blah that is going on. Everybody that has been detailed to the staff is either "high-powered" or "a damn good fellow" so you can see how submerged I'll be. I must be some good though, the plan I handed in a week ago on a piece of scratch paper is now coming out via the "planning staff" as the real McCoy. One of my troubles seems to be that I can't say two and two are four in a sufficiently ponderous and pontifical manner and can't think up a thousand words to use in saying it. I'm just fed to the gills with delay, pretence, inaction, dumbness. Also with intrigue, manoeuvring, double-crossing and obstruction. I will be happy when the real shooting starts; it will be a welcome relief from hickering and recrimination and throat cutting. Garry grows on my estimation every day.

The reconciliation of Chiang and Stilwell took place on the eve of the great mid-war conference. Cairo and Tehran were about to convene and China, for the first time, was to be represented by Allied councils by Chiang in person.

Brigadier General Patrick Hurley was sent as Roosevelt's personal emissary to Chungking to arrange the final details of the Cairo conference. At first he was high in Chiang's favor, now found that the Generalissimo expected him to accompany the Chinese delegation to Cairo to present China's military case, to sit at the peace conference and the Burma offensive which had been brewing for so long.

NOVEMBER 3—CHUNGKING Back again, but no proposals. Al Wedemeyer hasn't got a thing yet. [Wedemeyer:] "General Marshall told me to go over there and get that operation put on. He said to me that he was giving me a good commander—Louis—and that he expected results. And if they wouldn't fight, he would pull me out and put me somewhere else." "Where they can make good use of my talents and ability." The young man sure does appreciate himself. Gave him my idea of the tactical plan, and now he's giving it back to me as his.

NOVEMBER 5—Conference with May and Ella. May calls me Uncle Joe now. Gave them the dope and they insisted on a prompt report to the G-mo. They will do anything I propose, and back it to the G-mo. Shift armies, use complete units for replacements—anything. Want to go to Cairo and leave Ho Ying-ch'ing behind. Agree on plans to put China right with the powers.

NOVEMBER 6—Reconciliation Day! Love Feast Day! Morning—oil, haircut and papers. Afternoon, call on Ella.

NOVEMBER 7—Saw Ella at 4:30. She went over to [Chiang Kai-shek] to prepare the ground and followed at 5:00. The rattle-snake was affable as hell. 50,000 men [for replacements]? Sure, they'll be there. The only thing is to get some gas to move them. He will even feed his troops. Extra ration? Sure, just talk it over with Ho. Anything else? No? Well, then, officially I request you to make the report for China at Cairo. (Two parts—Champlain and after.) "See Lin Wei and get the dope."

Ellie had told me he was in a jolly state of mind and ready to be very friendly. Well, if I hadn't heard him rattle, has tail, I might have been taken in. Mistake! Last time he didn't rattle at all—just struck. Late—8:00 p.m. Ella called on phone and said Chiang was roach pleased over the conference, which was "the most satisfactory we had ever had." "Not only pleased but happy." Said I was "beaming." For Christ's sake! What's going on? Is this a love feast or is he just nuts?

NOVEMBER 7—Yu Ta-wei in.

[I asked] "How about your promise of 2,000 rifles by August and 5,000 more by December?" He squirmed and alibied. "No raw materials."

Saw Ho Ying-ch'ing. The 50,000 men [promised the day before] has shrunk to 25,000 trained and the rest recruits. While we were talking, the 25,000 became 20,000 and then when pushed to state what units they were, and when and where available, the 20,000 became eighteen battalions which at full strength will be 14,000. Maybe 12,000 will show up, and 11,000 arrive!

Then saw Lin Wei. Same picture. As to extra [for tropical], very difficult. Solution will be fixed price for Army, i.e., commission [from pensions].

NOVEMBER 10—Hurley talked with Louis [Mountbatten], who is after my scalp. I stand between him and dominance in China and he wants to get rid of me. Hurley warned him about my standing in the U.S. and told him that he could expect plenty of trouble, and that if he got me, I would go after him. Said that I had kept China in the war at a very critical period, and was considered in the U.S. as the "Saviour of China." (My God!) Pat laid it on thick. He says he is in my corner. Does not believe that F.D.R. has been after me, but thinks he is very changeable and could be almost any time...

NOVEMBER 11—It is Wei Li-huang. Shang Chen brought him in this a.m. to report. He was very respectful! In fact, all the boys are showing more respect lately. (Ta Yu-ming was in yesterday and quite concerned about delays in Fifth Army instruction. He has put the 40th, 98th and 200th Divisions on same basis as other infantry divisions, and segregated his mechanized units.) I told Wei what I expected of him and he promised to be a good boy and get busy. He has to jump in without his own staff and take what he finds.

Shang Chen goes to the U.S. as head of the Military Mission. I am pretty sure this was my recommendation.

NOVEMBER 12—Dinner at Chiang's. Hurley and I talked to him till 11:40. Pat gave him the low-down. (1) The U.S. policy is to maintain Britain as a first-class power. (2) The U.S. is against any form of imperialism, including the British. (3) We believe democracy will win. (F.D.R. is for it.) Hurley for speaking out. (4) We believe in striking Japan at home not in Singapore. (5) We believe in a free, strong, democratic China, predominant in Asia.

NOVEMBER 13—Saw Ella and May. They talked about my possible successor. May proposes Shang Chen for secretary of war in place of "unmentionable" [Ho Ying-ch'ing]. I put in a heavy plug for him. May and Ella reminded me they had promised me to see Ho if I could be patient. Wouldn't that be some! Six months ago it was only a wild dream that we could can "the unmentionable."

They had been yapping at Chiang about his "brilliant gen-

erals" in connection with my proposals. Asked him why some of his wonders hadn't done it. Cracked about Liu Fei and his presentation at Huang Shan [Somervell-Mountbatten conference], when he said certain units had from 200 to 270,000 men in them. Hooted him for his "accurate and highly qualified technician" assistants. They had been after him in a big way.

Chiang accepts, or in his words, "will appoint" U.S. commander for Chinese-American force in China after the Pacific is opened. Another impossibility six months ago.

Ramgarh lore. On October 10, 1943, the New First Army commander reviewed the troops... on a horse. An orderly led the horse around with a rope. And the dump photographer missed the picture.

F.D.R. must be given credit for broad-mindedness in giving political opponents, in common cause, Knox, Stimson, Hurley, etc.

NOVEMBER 14—In from Chiang. Ho Ying-ch'ing had been asked over the canal for delay of replacements. He squawked about the delay, and returned from telling Chiang he was not miked it, last Thursday. Chiang in a rage. Told Ho his *tsu* shanghs [departmental] chiefs were no good and said he was risking the loss of the Burma campaign. Also got after him about the ration. Wonderful. Maybe now the fire is hot enough to fry Ho Ying-ch'ing!

AT THE END OF NOVEMBER the masters of the Allied camp gathered for two sessions in the Middle East. First at Cairo, the second at Teteron.

At Cairo, Roosevelt and Churchill summoned Chiang Kai-shek to their presence to discuss the war against Japan. At Teteron, Roosevelt and Churchill met Stalin to discuss the war against Germany.

The two conferences, linked by a global war, were interdependent. At Cairo, despite much friction between Chinese, British, and Americans, the Allies agreed to a major offensive in Burma to be set in motion immediately. It was to be a fully mounted offensive with a heavy British landing in south Burma, the participation of American troops, the Rangoon-trained Chinese of the X force to attack north Burma from India, the Chinese Yoke force to make a direct drive on east Burma from Yunnan.

Such technical details as these were worked out by the combined staffs of the Chinese, British and American armies meeting on the functional level. At these conferences, the duty of representing China fell on Stilwell. When technical details had been worked out, the recommendations of the military men were presented to the political level. Chiang finally consented to the general plan, worked out by the military staffs. He was still un-

happy about his failure to secure greater American aid with China for the bolstering of his general military-political structure; but on the basis of Allied promises he was willing to co-operate. He returned to China while Stilwell tarried in Cairo to await the results of the Teteron conference.

NOVEMBER 15—Off at 2:00 p.m. Kunning at 4:30. NOVEMBER 16—Off at 3:40 in C-54. Smooth trip. In [at Chabua] at 7:00. Three hours and twenty minutes. Off at 8:00 Delhi at four. To headquarters on papers.

NOVEMBER 18—10:30 South-east Asia Command meeting. Long squabble over command. Rush to get off 2:25. At Karachi at 7:05.

NOVEMBER 19—ON at 7:50. Basra at 4:30. Eight hours forty minutes. Flew over Abadan on way in. Big developments there and along river at Basra. Masses of date palms all over the place. Lunch. Duck dinner with wonderful French-fried potatoes.

NOVEMBER 20—ON at 8:00. Gassed at Habbaniyah. Off at 10:35. Passed Jerusalem at 1:00. Cairo. Payne Field at 3:40. Seven hours and forty minutes. Barbed wire all over the place. Limeys protecting Dicky [Mountbatten]. To Sheperds [Hotel] for haircut. Down to camp PX—astounding stock.

NOVEMBER 21—CAIRO Breakfast at 8:00. Scribbles on plan. [For] Cairo [offensive] which was planned for following spring.

P.m. Saw Shang Chen and Company. Took a walk and got lost. Routed out at dinner by Shang Chen and Lin Wei. Madame after me. Went out and saw Generalissimo. Madame gone to bed. Barbed wire everywhere. Then to No. 4 [House]. George [Marshall]. Pat [Hurley] and Somervell. Talked till 11:30 F.D.R. doesn't like me to call Chiang Kai-shek "Pat."

NOVEMBER 22—Meeting on [at Combined Chiefs of Staff]. Sounded off on the plan [for Burma]. 11:00 [Admiral] King to plenary session. Mountbatten gave a spin on the plan. Lunch at Mena House. 2:30 to preliminary meeting. No-mo proposals. "Do not" present proposals. Message the G-mo would come. Then he wouldn't. That he would. Christ. Brooke got nasty and King got good and more. King almost climbed over the table at Brooke. God, he was mad. I wish he had socked him.

3:30 Chinese came. Terrible performance. They couldn't ask a question. Brooke was insulting. I helped them out. They were asked about Yoke and I had to reply. Brooke fired questions and I batted them back. At 8:00 went to G-mo's and helped Chinese get questions ready. Tired.

(To Be Continued)

THEY WERE COMRADES

Today is being wound up a dependants' aid fund that began at a prison camp auction sale in Germany.

Over four and a half years ago 1,500 men in R.A.F. battalions, Polish greatcoats and high German jackboots, stood on the dusty parade ground of a P.O.W. camp in Sagan, Silesia. They were holding an auction....

In front of the camp theatre they had built themselves stood a row of wooden tables piled high with "kit"—uniforms, bedding, hairbrushes, toilet soap, fountain pens, cap badges.

The "lots" were the belongings of the victims of Stalag Luft III, the 50 men butchered at Hitler's orders in reprisal for the mass-escape attempt in March, 1944. Though the Commandant had read out a report stating that they had been killed "while resisting arrest," the camp knew that they had been shot in cold blood.

Bidding among the men on the parade ground was brisk, at times astronomical, but there was none of the atmosphere of a real auction—no gulps, sales or murmurs.

The men bid high, many of them far more than they could afford. They knew that they were providing a fund for their dead comrades' dependants.

Service blankets fetched 25 pieces, a uniform was bought for £20; boots and shoes were at fantastic prices.

One dead man's dressing-gown was sold for £50. Everything went—except books and watches. These were placed in the common stock of camp armories.

Objects of value to relatives and loved ones were carefully packed up and sent home to England. At the end of four days £2,492 3s. 6d. had been raised. Officers who sheila may one day be found.

had failed to secure an article signed subscription lists for £4,522 5s.

Then began the work of administering the fund. From Stalag Luft III, via the International Red Cross and Swiss Government, the trustees wrote to the Air Ministry setting out the amount to be paid to each beneficiary and authorising deductions from the subscribers' pay.

It was agreed that the amounts paid out should vary according to the financial circumstances of each dependant. Except for two single

officers who were known to have been supporting their parents, only the dependants of married officers benefited from the fund.

Had the officers who were shot belonged to the R.A.F. The first belonged to the Dominions or Allied Air Forces, including six Poles and one Czech. Though the dependants were found easily, the trustees had to wait till the end of the war before being able to trace the Polish and Czech next-of-kin. Even then they could not be paid—currency in the occupied countries was almost worthless.

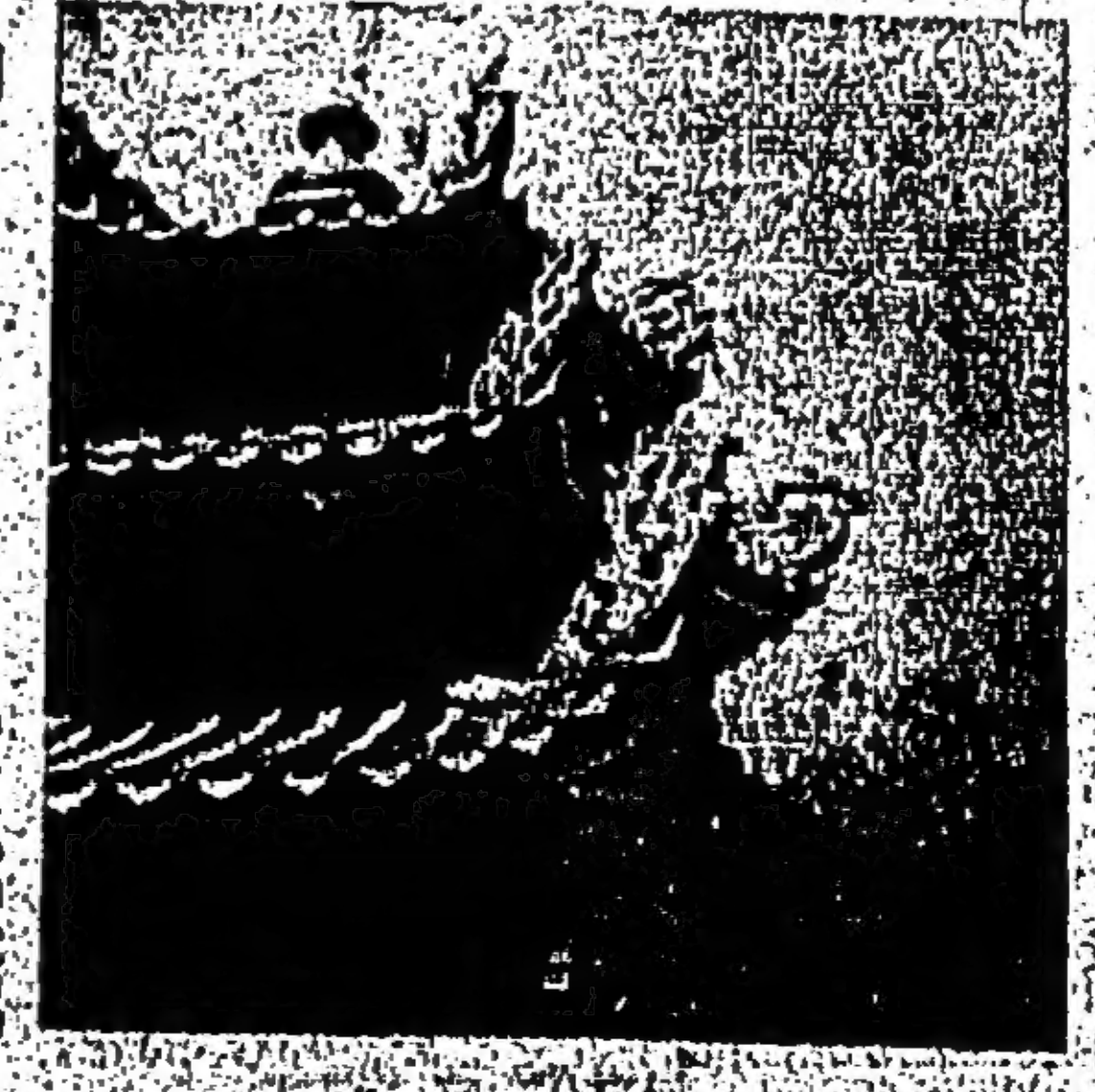
Two years later three Polish families seemed to have completely disappeared. Like millions in Central Europe, they had moved on in search of food.

After months of patient search two of them were traced. Their share has now been paid. Only one dependant—the widow of Flying Officer J. Mondel, of the Polish Air Force—has not been traced.

Today the fund is being wound up. The money is being transferred to the R.A.F. dependants' fund in the hope that Mrs. Mondel had been released. Officers who sheila may one day be found.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

Daily in the "China Mail" will appear a photograph similar to that above, odd sheets of familiar Hong Kong buildings and scenes. Can you recognize where this picture was taken? The answer is on Page Seven.



ANOTHER SOVIET REJECTION

Six-Power Plan On Berlin Turned Down By Moscow WESTERN MILITARY PACT?

Paris, October 24.

Russia rejected the six power plan to solve the Berlin crisis and will veto the resolution at Monday's session of the United Nations Security Council.

Simultaneously top American sources disclosed that the United States and Canada will draft a sweeping North Atlantic alliance for full military aid to the Western European Union soon after the US elections.

Foreign Ministers of the Union—France, Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—will meet on Monday and Tuesday to discuss the alliance.

Belfast Dockers Strike

Belfast, October 23.

Freight traffic between Belfast and cross-Channel ports was paralysed here today and mails were delayed as a strike of 3,000 dockers entered its third day.

Shipping companies have announced that they would not accept any further claims for shipmen until the strike was settled.

Customs dockers started the stoppage to enforce their demands for weekly income tax reductions instead of the present monthly and quarterly payments which, they complain, often prevented them from meeting their bills.

Regular dockers who are on the weekly deduction system struck in sympathy.

The men decided to continue the strike last night despite a telegram from their union calling upon them to return to work. They have made clear that they would do so as soon as the revenue authorities withdrew the prosecutions pending against some dockers for non-payment of tax arrears.—Reuter.

SUPERIORITY OF THE RED ARMY

Paris, October 23.

Frederick Osborn of the United States said today that unofficial estimates showed Russia would have 150 combat divisions left if she cut her armed forces one third. The United States would have six.

Mr. Osborn, speaking before a United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee, opposed a Russian proposal for the Assembly to demand a one third cut in the armed forces of the Great Powers and a ban on the atomic bomb.

The U.S. delegate said there is little accurate information available on the Soviet armed forces.

He read figures published earlier this year in the French weekly *Oedipe*, giving estimates on

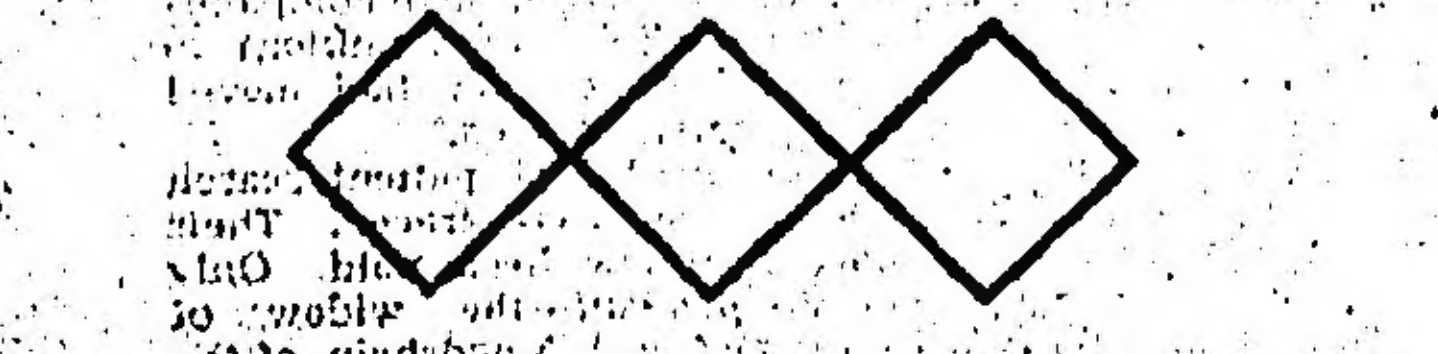
the armed forces of various nations.

He said these estimates showed that, if the requested one third cut became effective, Russia still would have 150 combat divisions ready for duty, the United States six. Russia would have 88 divisions available in satellite countries, he continued. Western European countries would have a total of only 14 divisions.

"Until we get correct figures, our fears will only be increased by such a one third cut," Mr. Osborn said.—Associated Press.



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"Painful Surprise" For Paris

Paris, October 23.

The French Foreign Office tonight issued a communique stating that the French Government had learned with "painful surprise" of the incidents at Mahe on the eve of the municipal elections.

The communique said that under the agreement between the Indian Government and the French Government on June 23, the representatives who would be elected at Mahe, Pondicherry, Karikal and Yanam, would fix the date of the referendum which would give the population the opportunity of deciding their future status.

The communique added: "The French Government formally declares: '1.—That these troubles were caused by exterior elements, in particular by the actions of the New Delhi Government several times since August. 2.—The French Government will not recognise the decisions which could be imposed in the present circumstances by agitators on the population of Mahe. 3.—The French Government has the intention of applying the agreement of June 23 in both the spirit and the letter.'"

"The election at Mahe will be postponed until the time when, normal conditions having been re-established, the electoral consultation can take place in dignity and order."—Reuter.

Bloodshed In The Helsinki Riots

Helsinki, October 23.

One policeman was killed when police, armed with clubs and riding whips, clashed with strikers armed with heavy stones in an hour-long "battle" outside the Arabia porcelain works here today.

Two hundred police and about 1,000 strikers were involved in the clash, which occurred as the police were escorting men who wished to continue working at the plant. Similar clashes have occurred elsewhere. Dockers and factory workers in Helsinki are affected as well as the Arabia works.

The trouble flared up between strikers and police, for the second successive day, M. Karl Fagerholm, the Premier, said: "I am confident the Government can master the situation and I shall discuss the whole question with the Trade Unions Federation."

The organ of the Communist Party today accused M. Fagerholm's Social Democrat Government of preparing civil war in Finland. "Finland's workers know they are fighting for their bread, their civil rights and their own people," the paper said.

"The enemies of the workers are undoubtedly trying to continue their provocative acts with the intention of making them end in civil war."

"For this reason, they will try to find new formal reasons for such new acts of terror."

The Trade Unions Federation, with which M. Fagerholm said he would discuss the situation, is dominated by the Social Democrats but has an active minority of People's Democrats. This minority is threatening to leave the Federation and form its own rival organisation because the Federation issued a statement that workers who refused to join unofficial strikes must not be classified as black-legs.—Reuter.

Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, said here today that he was greatly impressed by the progress of economic co-operation among the European nations.

"For the first time in history, European nations are working away from nationalistic interests and towards European co-operation," he told a press conference.

The countries in the European Recovery Programme were now looking at Europe as a whole and making concessions in their own programme to fit into the general framework.

Questioned about France, Mr. Hoffman said that once the political situation there had been stabilised, he would be back.

After the press conference, Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall aid roving Ambassador, went to see President Luigi Einaudi. They then had talks with the Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, and other Ministers. Preparations for the administration of Marshall aid in Italy.—Reuter.

PICCARD'S DIVE POSTPONED

On Board M.S. Svaldis, October 23.

The first ocean dive by Professor Piccard's bathysphere, expected today, has been postponed until tomorrow for the reason that the professor's coming attempt at a two and a half mile deep investigation of the ocean bed, have taken longer than expected.

The departure of the Svaldis from Dakar, French West Africa, for the Cape Verde Islands was held up earlier this month by the illness, through overwork, of the professor's companion, the Belgian scientist, M. Max Coeyns.—Reuter.

Attempt To Murder General Seydlitz

Berlin, October 23.

The American-licensed German news agency, Dena, reported tonight that four shots were fired yesterday at a car containing General Walter Von Seydlitz, former Stalingrad general, now reported to be engaged on re-organisation of the Soviet Zone police.

The shots missed von Seydlitz, but one of his principal lieutenants was slightly wounded, the agency said.

The report, said to come from a reliable correspondent in the Soviet Zone, could not be confirmed.

In spite of Soviet denials, it has been persistently reported in the past week that von Seydlitz is in Germany to reorganise the Soviet zone police on a para-military basis.—Reuter.

Europe Parliament May Be Summoned

Paris, October 24.

Prospects for the early convocation of a western European Parliament rose after reports in French circles that Britain is about to approve such an idea.

The proposal, made formally last summer by France and Belgium, is to be discussed by the Foreign Ministers of the five western European Union nations when they meet here on Monday and Tuesday.

French officials said they understood that the Commonwealth Prime Ministers and Deputy Prime Ministers gave the British Government approval of the project in their conferences in London last week.

If so, this would remove one of the obstacles to British endorsement.

The British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, is expected to make a statement on the project in the

opening session of the meeting which brings together the chief foreign policy makers of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The Ministers will be meeting as the consultative council of the political, economic, military and cultural alliance framed last year in Brussels. The Council meets every three months.

At the Union's last meeting in the Hague, the French Foreign Minister at that time, Georges Bidault, proposed to establish a preparatory commission which would determine the methods and means of convoking a European Parliament chosen from the respective national legislatures.

The Belgian Premier and Foreign Minister, Paul Henri Spaak, supported Bidault and has since formally endorsed the project. Luxembourg to also known to be favourable.

Mr. Bevin, however, said he could not comment until Britain had an opportunity to consult the Dominions at their October conferences. He also asked for numerous clarifications.—Associated Press.

More Attacks On Trains

Batavia, October 23.

Pursuit patrols were sent out today after bandits had fired on a train in West Java for the third day in succession, peppering it with bullets, but causing no casualties.

The incident occurred between Sockabandi and Tjandjoer. On Thursday two strikers and one Dutch soldier were injured and on Friday night eight passengers were killed and 20 injured when the Batavia-Bandoeng express was derailed and fired on by terrorists.

General elections will be held in the Indonesian Republic in December if arrangements now being made by the Republican authorities are completed in time, the Republican news agency, Antara, reported today.—Reuter.

REBEL SURRENDER IS "POSTPONED"

Rangoon, October 23.

The first formal surrender of Burma's White Band People's Volunteer Organisation members, due at Pegu, 50 miles from Rangoon, today, was postponed "for one or two days."

The postponement was due to the fact that "a few details still remain to be settled," it was said.

The peace mission which negotiated the peace terms with the rebels returned here today to see the Premier, Thakin Nu, but found he had gone on a tour of the hinterland.

Final details of the surrender will be discussed between Thakin Nu and the peace mission when the Premier returns next week.

Today's military communique reported a simultaneous raid by 200 rebels on a police station and government Treasury Office at Nyaungu in the Magway district.

Fifteen rebels were killed after a four hour battle, the communique added.

According to reports received officially from Akyab, on the West coast of Maungdaw, an insurgent attack from three sides was repulsed. Fifty Muslim insurgents cut off telephone communications between Maungdaw and the town of Bawli.—Associated Press.

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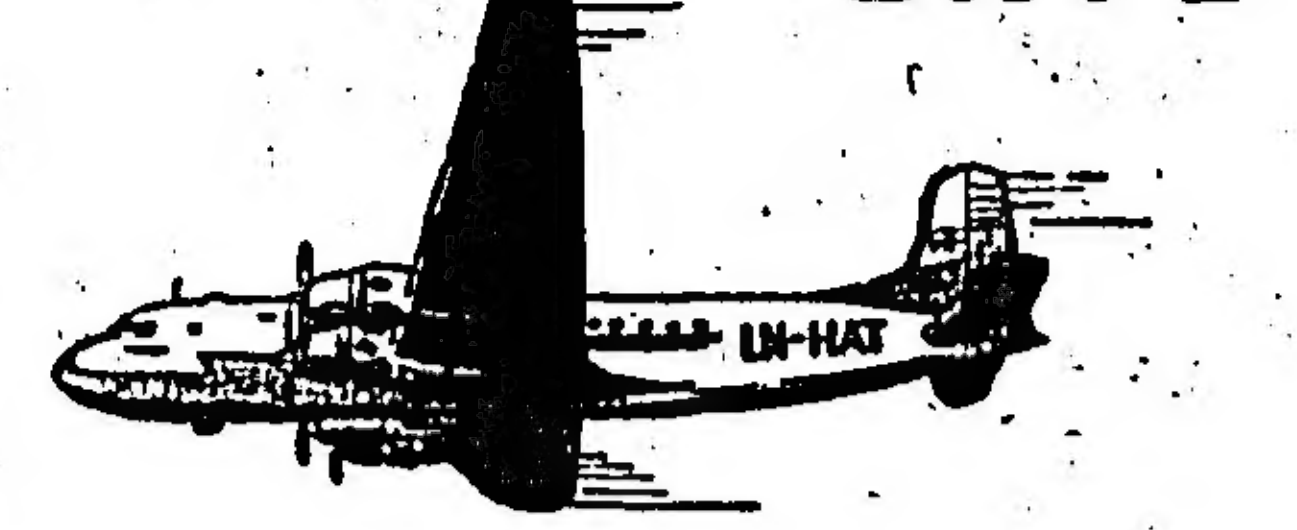
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Asia May Provide "Greater Danger"

New York, October 24.

Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for President, said yesterday "conditions in Asia might be more dangerous to world peace than conditions in Europe."

"The wretchedness of economic conditions invites Communist exploitation, and the passions of nationalism burn furiously," in Asia, he said.

Canada Short Of Electricity

Ottawa, October 23.

Canada, one of the world's richest nations in potential hydro-electric power, is suffering an acute shortage of electricity.

Black-outs have been imposed in many of the principal cities.

The huge turbines of Niagara, strained to their limit, cannot begin to satisfy demand. Officials say that it would take "a down-pour of 40 days and 40 nights" to restore the power situation, to normal.

Work on new hydro-electric plants is being speeded up, but it is estimated that the shortage will not be remedied before 1952.

The latest restrictions make it an offence for a householder to use electricity for heating, except in cases of sickness. Electric grates in artificial fire places are banned, as are portable electric radiators and space heaters. —Reuter.

Siam Border Incident Denied

Saigon, October 24.

Major General Marcel Alessandri, commander of the French Army in Indochina, yesterday denied Siamese reports that 100 French troops had crossed into Siam and killed a police constable and two Siamese civilians.

Alessandri said he was in constant touch with all French units in Indochina and no such report had reached him. He added that the only information he had on the matter was a press report from Bangkok quoting the Siamese Interior Ministry and the Police Department. Siamese reports on Thursday said the incident occurred on October 18. French troops were said to have crossed the Mekong River and engaged in an hour-long skirmish with Siamese police before withdrawing. —Associated Press.

Thomas added that "It is indeed important that these areas should not be turned over to Stalin's imperialism but the remedy does not lie in blindly clinging to the Western colonialism of the 19th century."

Specifically discussing China, Thomas said: "Ideally, the hope of China lies in the development of democratic forces almost equally opposed to the new style tyranny of Communism and the corruption and inefficiency of Chiang Kai-shek's regime."

"If I were President of the United States, I should not feel justified in pouring money and perhaps ultimately the lives of young Americans into the business of shoring up the unpopular government of the clique around Chiang Kai-shek."

"I should want to do all that could be done economically to aid a peaceful China and by persuasion and economic aid, to stay the march of Communism."

In Japan

In Japan, Thomas said, "Americans have a right to be proud of the comparatively good record we have made as an occupying power."

"But," he added, "there are signs today of an effort to turn Japan over to great capitalists, Japanese or American or both, which need watching." As for the Berlin crisis and Russia in general, Thomas said that if he were President: "I should continue the effort to try at least for its moral effects to win judgment from the United Nations. I should proclaim more earnestly than has yet been done our American desire, immediately the blockade is lifted, once more to try to negotiate a decent settlement for a unified Germany and for Korea." —Associated Press.

BLOCKADE PROVES A BOOMERANG

Berlin, October 24.

American officials said today that the Russian blockade of Berlin has boomeranged by aiding the very thing they are trying to sabotage—Western Germany recovery.

"The coal and steel we used to ship out of West Germany into the Russian zone and Berlin is now being put to work speeding industrial production in the three Western zones," said Lawrence Wilkinson, economic adviser to the US commander in Germany. "The Russian zone has been weakened by lack of those vital supplies."

Allied officials say the Communists are pushing the old tactic of fomenting strikes and discontent among workers to cut their production.

The rich mining and manufacturing region of the Ruhr appears their main target. Propagandists told the miners "why sweat for American capitalists?" Officials say this propaganda is to blame for the low output per man among miners. Communist incitement is also evident in some of the more recent mass demonstrations against high prices in West Germany.

With the extra coal and steel diverted from East Germany, however, production is booming in the West. This also helps the allies who finance West Germany's imports of food and raw materials.

The Western allies "may actually be making money on this blockade, in the long run," Wilkinson said—despite the huge cost of supplying 2,225,000 blockaded Berliners by air. Western Berlin, however, is lagging far behind Western Germany in economic progress. Its factories run part time or not at all for lack of coal and steel.

Even the Communists have admitted that industrial production in their own zone is lagging since the blockade. —Associated Press.

Krupps Dismantling To Be Suspended

London, October 23.

The British Military Administration in Germany has agreed temporarily to suspend dismantling of three Krupps factories at Essen, the Foreign Office spokesman said today.

General Sir Brian Robertson, British Military Governor, made the decision during a recent visit to the Ruhr, the spokesman added.

General Robertson's decision was based on the humanitarian ground that the three factories employ 800 disabled ex-servicemen, the spokesman explained, adding that their ultimate fate will be decided at Government level. —Reuter.

FRENCH STRIKE

Coal Mine Sirens To Summon Aid

Paris, October 24.

Strikers who had barricaded themselves in at the Alouettes pit sounded pit sirens and hoisted the French tricolour flag when troops and police attempted to clear them out today. The Government forces, estimated at 2,000 men, were said to be equipped with tear gas, grenades and firearms.

The strikers at the pit, which is located North West of Lyons, had held about 70 policemen and prisoners overnight. The strikers released their prisoners—gendarmes and Republican security guards—earlier today.

The police reinforcements were massed at the mines during the night. They went into action under the command of General Norbert, the assistant commander of the Dijon military region. Soon after 6.00 p.m., the troops and police had sealed off the Alouettes pithead from the main road and bridge over a canal leading to the mine.

The approaches to the mine were lit by arc lamps to aid the movement of the troops. While these operations were in progress, the strikers continued to sound the sirens at full blast to summon other strikers to their aid.

Dockers Stop

The France Press Agency said today that one of the two miners reported killed when the

police opened retaliatory fire for the first time at Firminy, near St. Etienne, yesterday, is alive.

The report said that he and another miner were in a serious but not critical condition. Dockers at La Pallice, the new port for La Rochelle on the West coast of France, suspended for 24 hours from this morning the unloading of two Liberty ships with 10,400 tons of imported coal. They decided to continue loading 3,000 tons of French wheat for Tunisia on a French steamer.

French Communist trade union leaders repudiated today the Government's new measures to beat the 20-day old miners' strike by deciding to seek the support of home and foreign, including British, workers.

Appeal To Workers In Britain

The leaders of the Executive Committee of the General Confederation of Labour said they would call on French workers to show solidarity with the miners by short work stoppages and demonstrations.

They would also ask the World Federation of Trade Unions to appeal to British and American miners, seamen and dockers to show solidarity with the French strikers.

The Government's anti-strike measures—the call-up of 50,000 Reservists and authority for security forces to fire after warning, if attacked—had not been answered by the Communist-led miners' Federation with "the strike will be carried on, more united and more firm than ever."

The Communist Ce Sair reported from St. Etienne, the strike storm centre, that a police patrol fired "without warning" during the night on a group of strikers passing up leaflets. One was wounded and four arrested, it said.

The French Socialist Party newspaper, Le Populaire, today approved the Government's "war and shoot" measures, but the Communist L'Humanite said the security guards were now "officially authorised to assassinate the miners."

The Communist Dockers' Union has called a plenary session of its Executive for next Tuesday to consider what steps to take to defend "trade union rights violated by the Government over the miners' strike."

Order Defied

The Marseilles Prefecture today prohibited all public and private meetings in the mining area of the Bouches du Rhone Department.

It was acting under a Cabinet decision last night that Prefects be given the right to prohibit all meetings. No official definition of a "private meeting" was available in Paris at noon today.

Strikers at Forbach, in North Eastern France, held a meeting in a cafe this afternoon despite orders from the Prefect that no public meetings should be held in the district. Members of the Republican security guards, after a short scuffle, broke up the meeting with tear gas bombs. A few people on both sides were slightly injured. —Reuter.

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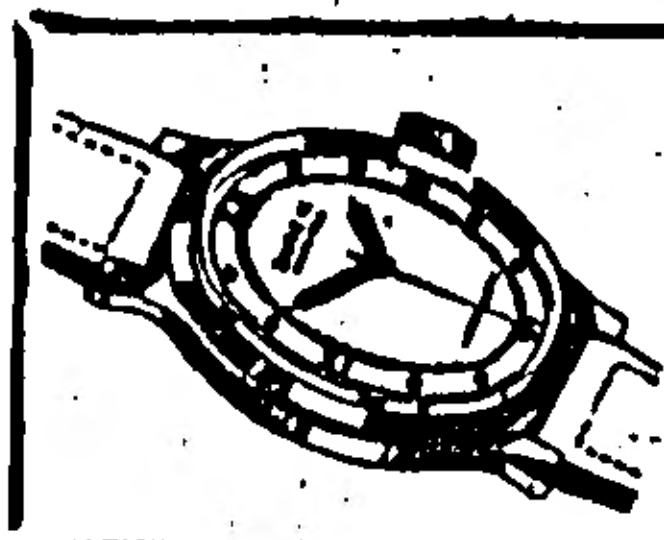
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ARMY BEATS SAINTS IN LAST 2 MINUTES

A brilliant header by McQuire enabled Army to snatch a last minute victory by one clear goal over St. Joseph's in a First Division soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. By reason of their defeat, St. Joseph's have not only lost two valuable points, but also their unbeaten record.

At Causeway Bay, Kowloon Motor Bus showed a fine return to form by defeating Royal Navy by five goals to one. The game was, however, marred by the sending off of a Navy player in the second half.

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FIRST DIVISION

St. Joseph's 0—Army 1.
Army kicked off against the sun and immediately made a free-kick to the Saints' goal, but were repulsed before they could be come dangerous.

Following a period of desultory half-time play, Omar broke away on the left and worked his way towards the Army goal, only to be bundled off the ball when about to shoot.

Army retaliated strongly and the Saints' goal had two narrow escapes when Brown sent in perfectly placed crosses, only to find the inside-men out of position.

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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION		
St. Joseph's	0	Army 1
Navy	1	K.M.B. 5
Police	2	Kwong Wah 1
SECOND DIVISION		
Navy	1	Army (KLN) 4
St. Joseph's	2	W.D. Chinese 2
Kat Choo	2	Tai Koo 0
K.M.B.	3	P.C.A. 0

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Leonard was playing a fine defensive game for the Saints and was repeatedly in the picture as he broke up dangerous movements by the Army forwards.

McQuire was outstanding in the Army forward line and was tireless in his efforts to seek a loophole in the Saints' defence.

Half time came without either side having scored.

After the break, Saints started off strongly and Pereira almost gave them the lead when he lobbed the ball over the head of Cordell, who had left his charge, only to see it go on the wrong side of the upright.

Saints continued to maintain pressure, but the weakness of their forwards, plus the robust tackling of the Army defenders, prevented them from scoring.

Army broke away occasionally, but Leonard was playing a fine defensive game and kept the Army forwards at a safe distance.

With time growing short, both sides started to warm up and the game, which had so far been conspicuous by its lack of real thrills, began to take on a more exciting aspect.

The ball was transferred rapidly from one end of the field to the other and the Army obtained the winning goal when a fine movement, initiated by Weatherall, re-

sulted in Brown placing the ball at the centre of the net with a brilliant header.

With only a few minutes left to play, Saints strived desperately for the equaliser, but failed.

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ROYAL NAVY 1—K.M.B. 5

Kowloon Motor Bus applied the Navy's gun at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon when they scored five goals, to which the Navy could only answer with a solitary effort.

The game was a fair exhibition but was marred by the sending off of a Navy forward in the second half.

Taken all round the busmen were worth their win, but the ball did not run well for the sailor and they were on the defensive for most of the game.

Early in the second half, Lee Chuan-fat was injured when he attempted to kick the ground. He took no further part in the game.

When Tang Yee-kei registered the visitor's first goal, but the Navy had not yet settled down. This did inspire them and they were soon after the goals.

The equaliser was not long in coming and it was the result of a neat inter-passing movement when Davies received the ball and gave Winger Jones a perfect pass.

Jones made off towards goal and drove a shot which landed just in front of the goal, but it was a little off the target.

It was a splendid effort and a pity the scorers could not combine a little better to give a few more such exhibitions.

Then came a period of pressure by the busmen and the royal blues rose to the occasion and defended well. Flintham was a tower of strength and an inspiration to a capable defence.

The backs, Wheeler and Toz, lived up to the reputation which had gained them their places in the Services team. Their clearances were timely and well placed.

Lee Shok-yau was in the picture with a goal down the left in which he outsmarted Wheeler to fire over the top from the left.

From the resultant goal kick the busmen gained possession and went into the attack. This time the outside left made no mistake and gave his side the lead.

Almost from the centre the busmen came down again and they did not let the ball be ruled offside. Play was going from end to end and each side did its fair share of attacking.

Down in bus territory Jones and a goal that saved neatly by the goalkeeper.

Almost immediately after the restart, two incidents occurred. The first when there was a scuffle in the bus goal resulting in a Navy forward being sent off the field.

Then Fung Kwun-sing was injured in a tackle and went off, taking no further part in the game.

The busmen were soon on the attack again and they were

Land Forces Beat CCC In Cricket

In a friendly game at Souk-poo yesterday, Headquarters Land Forces beat a Craigengower Cricket Club XI by six wickets and 21 runs.

Against the deadly bowling of the Army players, CCC were all out for 56 runs of which S. Ramchand contributed 38, not out.

Scores were as follows:

CCC	
H. P. Lim, bow. Bell	3
L. Wong, b. Bell	0
B. Tay, b. Stephenson	0
S. Ramchand, not out	38
G. Hong Chuy, b. Stephenson	0
R. Manley, b. Rogers	5
T. Crabtree, bow. Rogers	0
H. R. France, c. Stephenson	0
F. A. Woodier, b. Stephenson	0
A. Kurumury, c. Eldridge, b. Stephenson	1
Extras	1
Total	55

HQ LAND FORCES
H. P. Lim, bow. Bell 31
L. Wong, b. Bell 0
B. Tay, b. Stephenson 0
S. Ramchand, not out 38
G. Hong Chuy, b. Stephenson 0
R. Manley, b. Rogers 5
T. Crabtree, bow. Rogers 0
H. R. France, c. Stephenson 0
F. A. Woodier, b. Stephenson 0
A. Kurumury, c. Eldridge, b. Stephenson 1
Extras 1
Total 76

Vital Seventh
With the seventh and last frame coming up and trailing behind by two runs, Khalsa opened the inning with a rousing triple off Wahab's bat. Kader sacrificed with a punt which slammed the deficit by a run. Abid Ebrahim worked Alim-ida for the long run and cleared a single. An

attack again and Chau Man-chi and the bad luck to hit the up right with Alim-ida's well beaten Wheeler saved the situation at the expense of a corner and from a Tang Yee-kei headed home number three.

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Khalsa Lads Trip Baseballers As Saints Win Easily

(By "GRANDSTAND")
Doc Molthen's Baseballers outfit and outplayed Khalsa but finally succumbed 5-7 when they booted the game in the closing stages in the most keenly contested game seen this season.

SCORES AT A GLANCE
SENIOR LEAGUE
Filipinos 6 V.R.C. 10
Saints 11 Overseas 7
Baseballers 5 Khalsa 1
Recreio vs. Americans—postponed

LADIES LEAGUE
Caradinas 5 Wahous 22
Braves 12 Mohawks 2
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